





## THE ITATA GOES FREE.

The Second Libel Against the Vessel Dismissed.

The Bond Required Reduced One-half by Judge Ross.

District Attorney Cole Explains His Position in the Case.

No Extra Pay Allowed for Over Time in the Assessor's Office—The Rose Divorce Suit Dismissed—General Court Notes.

In the United States District Court yesterday morning G. J. Denis, Esq., one of the proctors for the claimants in the case of the United States vs. the steamship Itata, appeared before Judge Ross and moved the Court to vacate the order heretofore made fixing the amount of bail for the vessel at double the amount of the appraisal, on the ground that the statute provided that in cases of seizure, the property shall be released upon the filing of bonds in the amount of the value thereof.

The attorneys for the Government having no objection to offer to the motion, it was granted by the Court, without further parley.

United States District Attorney Cole then moved the Court to dismiss the second libel filed against the Itata on Saturday night last, in accordance with instructions received from Attorney-General Miller at Washington, and this motion was also granted by the Court, which then adjourned until Thursday morning.

In an interview with a Times man yesterday, Willoughby Cole, Esq., United States District Attorney, explained his action in filing the second libel as follows:

The idea of filing the libel first occurred to me on Saturday, and I at once instituted search for Judge Campbell, but found he was out of the city. Before preparing the libel I telegraphed the Attorney-General for his views as to the propriety of the step. Not receiving any answer Saturday, I deemed it advisable to file the libel, which I did late that evening. I received a reply from the Attorney-General on Sunday morning in reference to the matter, instructing me to confer with Judge Campbell, whereupon I immediately sought my colleague at Santa Monica, and returned for the first time he was in San Diego.

The authorities at Washington, while not approving of my action on the ground of its impolicy at this time, are, I am convinced, entirely in accord with my views as to recovering damages against the Itata. The Attorney-General, however, differs with me as to the proper course to be pursued, in that he wishes to amend the original libel so as to include the question of damages, while my idea was to file a separate libel and consolidate the two cases afterwards.

I had no intention of committing any breach of faith, and cannot see in what manner my action can be so defined. It became known shortly before the settlement of the bond matter that negotiations between the United States and the Chilean authorities had been broken off, in fact, had failed of an adjustment. Then, and not till then, the papers were prepared for use in case it should be thought best for the United States to assert their right of legal rights, as Chile was evidently disposed to take advantage of all of hers.

I can see no reason why the Itata should not still be held liable for her illegal conduct in escaping while lawfully detained by a United States officer.

The United States have not been affected by anything that has since occurred in Chile. This step was taken simply for the purpose of forestalling another possible surreptitious escape of the vessel. The Marshal went to San Diego on Sunday with the process in his pocket to await instruction from here and Washington. He afterward received instructions not to serve the process, and he did not.

NO PAY FOR OVER TIME. Judge Shaw yesterday rendered his decision in the case of Whittemore against the county of Los Angeles, which was submitted to him on an agreed statement of facts recently, by ordering judgment for the defendant, in accordance with the following written opinion:

This is an action for services alleged to have been rendered in discharge of the duties of the office of the County Assessor. All the parties concerned were at the time the services were performed, regularly employed deputies and assistants in the assessor's office and were regularly engaged in their duties during legal office hours and for such work they have been paid. The services for which this action is brought were performed after or before legal office hours.

I am of the opinion, that so far as the county is concerned, a deputy has fully discharged his obligation when he has faithfully worked at his official duty for eight hours each day, and that this work having been performed at other times the case stands as if the work had been done by persons who were not employed during the regular hours.

The law provides as follows: "The Board of Supervisors shall allow the several officers, deputies or assistants, or assistants or assistants may be necessary to properly transact the business of their respective offices, in connection with the principal." (Sec. 187, subd. 17, Co. Gov. Act as amended in 1889.)

"The salaries and fees provided in this act shall be in full compensation for all services of every kind and description rendered by the officers therein named, either as officers, or ex-officio officers, their deputies and assistants, unless in this act otherwise provided; and all deputies employed shall be paid by their principals out of the salaries heretofore provided, unless in this act otherwise provided." (Sec. 211 Co. Gov. Act.)

The same provisions were reenacted in 1891 (Act 1891, c. 416, sec. 216 and p. 338 subd. 17 of sec. 187).

The agreed statement of facts shows that the hiring of these persons by the Assessor to work during extra hours was not authorized by the Board of Supervisors. The chairman of the board requested that they be employed. The act of the chairman, however, cannot be considered to be the action of the board, unless he was authorized to do so, and this does not appear and cannot be presumed.

It follows, therefore, that the county is not liable for the services so rendered.

The parties must look to some other source for their compensation.

JUDGMENT will be rendered for the defendant.

THIS was an action to recover the sum of \$50, alleged to be due for services rendered as an extra deputy in the Assessor's office in June last, and to recover the sum of \$144.84 alleged to be due upon the claims of J. F. Muller, Y. A. Perpot, A. B. Conrad, H. Iles, O. C. Vail, Elmer Teal, F. M. Vanderlip, E. C. Foster, Sallie Hayes, L. R. Paxton, Grace Farnsworth, Henrietta A. Miller, Jose Lambourn and Louisa Campbell for like services, all of which had been assigned to plaintiff, and that the Board of Supervisors be commanded to allow said claims.

Judge Shaw in the above opinion intimates that the defendants brought suit against the wrong party, and the chances are that a new suit will be commenced immediately against the Assessor, who employed the plaintiff, or Chairman Perry of the Board of Supervisors.

THROWN OUT OF COURT.

The sensational divorce suit of Sarah E. Rose, alias Sadie Devine, against Henry E. Rose, eldest son of Senator L. J. Rose, came on for a final conclusion in Department Two yesterday morning. Judge Clark granting defendant's mo-

tion for a non-suit without going through the formality of a trial, as the plaintiff had failed to prepare herself, although ample time had been allowed her to do so.

THE WALKER ESTATE. A contest has been filed in the matter of the estate of John D. Walker, deceased, an Arizona mining man, who died intestate on the 2nd inst. Mrs. Eleanor D. Walker, who claims to have been married to deceased on April 18 last, filed a petition for the appointment of the State Loan and Trust Company as administrator of her husband's estate. The contestant, a brother of the deceased, claims that the woman is not the legal wife of John D. Walker, and applies for letters of administration himself.

CHINESE MURDER TRIAL. The Sier Yuen murder case was resumed before Judge Smith and a jury in Department One yesterday, and occupied their attention almost all day. Several witnesses were examined, but no new developments were made, their testimony being identical with that given on the preliminary examination.

THE WONG ARK BONDSMEN. In Department One yesterday morning Chew Yick Fong, one of the Wong Ark witnesses, appeared before Judge Smith, and by his counsel moved the Court to set aside the information on file against him, charging him with perjury. The Court, however, denied the motion; whereupon a demurrer was filed, presented and by the Court taken under advisement until this morning. The same points being involved in the cases against Ah Tet and four others, they also were continued.

CHARGED WITH MURDER. In the United States Circuit Court yesterday morning Majinquadiver and two other Indians, with equally outlandish names, appeared before Judge Ross for arraignment upon the charge of murder, they being accused of having choked and kicked a Chinaman to death, on Christmas eve at a San Diego county reservation. Their counsel, W. T. J. Rose, Esq. filed and presented a demurrer to the information, which, however, was overruled by the Court. The defendants thereupon entered their respective pleas of not guilty, and the case was set for trial on November 5.

THE AH SING CASE. In Department Six yesterday morning Ah Sing, the Chinaman recently convicted of the robbery of \$140 from the person of Dr. Tom She Bin, appeared before Judge McKinley to receive sentence. His counsel, A. A. Montano, moved the court for a new trial on the ground of newly discovered evidence, and filed affidavits in support of his motion, but as the District Attorney desired time in which to file counter affidavits, the matter was continued until this morning.

THE NEW GAME LAW. The first case to be tried under the new game law which went into effect on March 31, last, was heard before Justice Gray of Downey on Monday afternoon last, two barbers, G. Fridell of Long Beach and R. Stanton of Calico, having been arrested for shooting duck at Alamitos Bay on Sunday last. Deputy District Attorney Marble conducted the prosecution, while J. Hussey, Esq., represented the defendants. There being insufficient evidence to sustain the charge against Fridell, he was discharged, but Stanton was convicted and fined in the sum of \$100, which amount was paid.

Court Notes. Judge Smith yesterday overruled the demurrer interposed by Ah Sing's attorney to the information charging him with perjury, on file in Department One, and also denied a motion to instruct the District Attorney to designate upon which count therein the defendant should be tried. The defendant was thereupon called upon to plead, and his plea of not guilty having been duly entered, the case was set for trial on October 5.

The following twenty-one term-trial jurors reported for duty in Department Two yesterday for the current term: C. G. Anders, J. W. Ames, W. A. Avery, J. M. Bacon, H. M. Bowker, J. W. Brasher, A. J. Cobb, W. L. Farley, Ed. Germain, R. N. Hilton, Thomas Leahy, L. Lichtenberger, L. E. Mosher, J. A. McGirk, E. L. Phillips, G. Palmer, I. J. Reynolds, J. M. Rogers, J. F. Smith, J. W. Venable and G. Weeks.

Judge Wade yesterday ordered judgment for plaintiff by default in the cases of J. Sullivan vs. W. T. Lample, a suit to foreclose a mortgage for \$2,558; Lovel Dodd and Co. vs. S. Robinson, an action on street assessment; and W. T. Childress vs. N. H. Kellar, a suit to recover \$500 on a contract for the purchase of a lot at Garvanza.

In Department Three yesterday the case of the People's Home Savings Bank against J. H. Barclay et al., a suit to foreclose a mortgage for \$80,000 came up for hearing, and the defendants having allowed the matter to go by default, judgment was entered for plaintiff as prayed for.

In Department Four yesterday the case of Poindexter Dunn against C. E. Mackey et al., a suit on a land contract, came up for hearing before Judge Van Dyke and resulted in a judgment for defendant.

Judge Van Dyke yesterday rendered judgment for plaintiff in accordance with a stipulation filed in the case of J. W. McClelland against G. W. Dumbell et al., a suit to foreclose a mortgage for \$1656.

The case of O. H. Churchill vs. Cutler Arnold et al., a suit to foreclose a mortgage for \$8234.20, came up for hearing before Judge Van Dyke, who rendered judgment for plaintiff as prayed for, by default.

The report of the receiver in the case of W. S. James vs. C. Worth, a suit to obtain a dissolution and an accounting, were presented to and approved by Judge Van Dyke yesterday, and the case was finally disposed of.

Upon motion of F. M. Porter, Esq., attorney for the claimant, it was ordered by Judge Shaw yesterday that the California Bank be empowered to prosecute to a final judgment its action against Mary Ann Hunt and others, and to set aside the proceedings in the case of the bank against the same parties, and to apply to the satisfaction of its claim for \$1480 and interest, against S. M. Perry, an insolvent debt or.

NEW SUITS. Among the documents filed with the County Clerk yesterday were the preliminary papers in the following cases: Mrs. Horace Cricklaw vs. Susan Machado Bernard et al.; suit to compel defendants to execute a deed to plaintiff conveying a lot in the Bernard tract, upon the payment by her of \$1200, the balance of the purchase price thereof.

J. R. Lane vs. California Sewer Pipe Company, suit to recover the sum of \$18,000; alleged to be due on a contract between defendant and J. L. Cherry, J. P. Moran and J. C. Daly, for the construction and by them assigned to plaintiff.

G. W. Tubbs vs. W. J. Silliman; suit to recover the sum of \$400 alleged to be due on a contract for the purchase of a lot in the Walnut Grove tract.

Mac G. Banta, executor vs. G. W. Banta et al.; suit to ratify the partition of

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Mrs. Emma Kaiser filed her petition for the admission to probate of the will of Frank Kaiser, deceased, who died on August 25 last at Lippstadt, in the province of Westphalia, in Germany, leaving an estate here consisting of real and personal property valued at \$30,000.

Miss Katie Sherman filed a petition for letters of administration to the estate of Ira S. Sherman, deceased, who died on the 9th inst. at Cook county, Ill., leaving real and personal property valued at \$10,000, in this and other counties.

Today's Calendar.

DEPARTMENT ONE—Judge Smith. People vs. Ah Tet et al.; perjury, to plead.

People vs. Chew Yick Fong; perjury, demurrer.

People vs. Sier Yuen; murder, on trial.

DEPARTMENT TWO—Judge Clark. Estate of Lewis Root, deceased; confirmation of sale of realty.

Estate of Harriet D. Browster, deceased; account and distribution.

H. P. Sweet et al. vs. J. Stewart, damages.

DEPARTMENT THREE—Judge Wade. J. Banbury et al. vs. A. R. Pierce et al.; foreclosure contract.

Edwin M. Frazer vs. Fullerton Land and Trust Company; account.

Rosa Steinhart vs. M. E. Frankel; note.

M. E. Frankel vs. Rosa Steinhart; to cancel note.

DEPARTMENT FOUR—Judge Van Dyke. Ellen D. Jappe vs. S. H. Jappe; to quiet title.

W. Mason vs. J. W. Rogers; damages.

DEPARTMENT FIVE—Judge Shaw. Mary E. Haynes vs. Peter Backman et al.; foreclosure.

Frances McDonald vs. Angus McDonald, et al.; foreclosure.

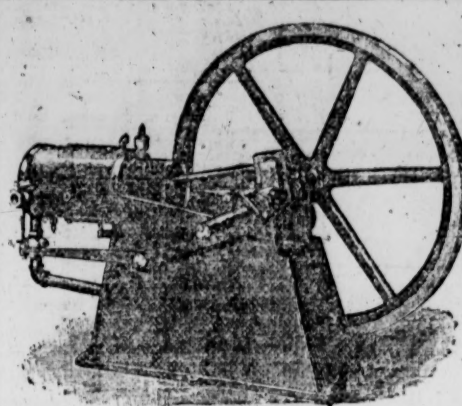
Mary W. Goetsman vs. F. J. Smith; appeal.

DEPARTMENT SIX—Judge McKinley. People vs. Ah Sing; robbery, for sentence.

In re application for committal of Antonio Pirri, an incorrigible, to Whittier; hearing.

Nearly Lost His Life.

Yesterday afternoon Strawberry Johnson, a noted character at San Pedro, attempted to cross the bar in a small boat, and as the sea was running, quite high, his boat was upset, and had it not been for Boarding Officer Wallen, who happened to be out in a tug, Johnson would have lost his life. As it was he was more dead than alive when picked up, and it took several hours' hard work to bring him around.



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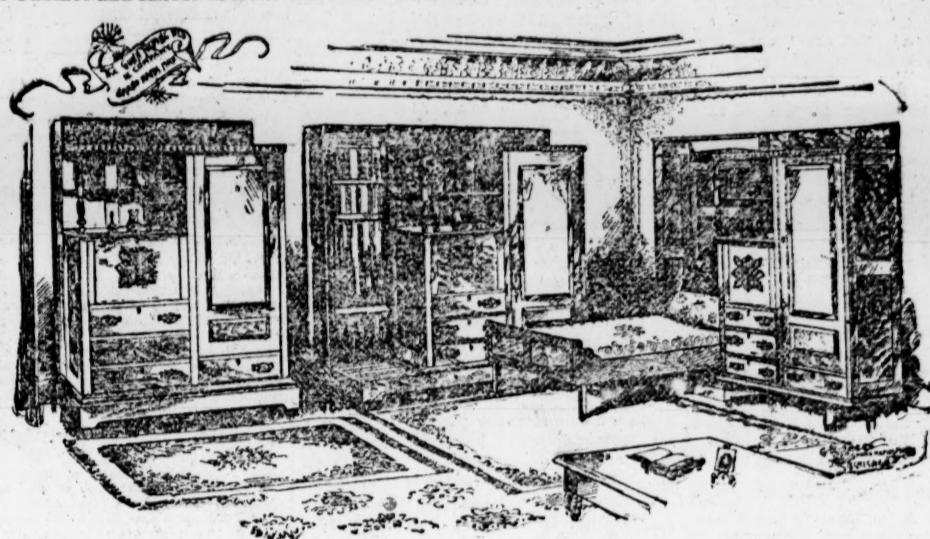
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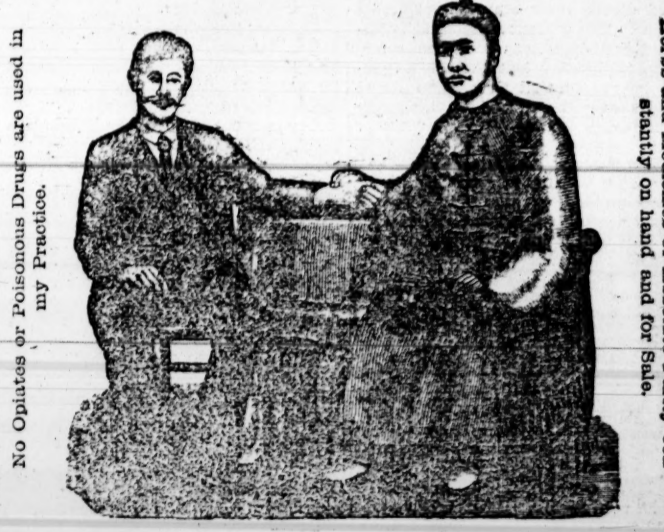
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The schools have been closed in St. Paul, Minn., on account of excessive heat. What a climate!

The scenes attending the opening of the new Oklahoma lands are graphically described in our telegraph columns.

It is suggested that the New York Democrats will use for their emblem in this campaign a "flower barrel" with the head knocked in.

Commenting on the recent turbulent reception accorded to Wagner in an opera in Paris, an exchange remarks: "Frenchmen must ever be just so often, or burst."

The roll of Republican thunder from the direction of the Buckeye State, indicates the election of brave, handsome, gallant McKinley by a potential majority. And then—1892.

It is now intimated that England is going to deliver up to the Junta the silver which Balmaceda smuggled out of Chile. The country will then have his money and his life. It ought to be satisfied.

The Evening Express of late weeks has been the subject of some observations of the brand new editorial "prentice hand who has recently straddled the blind"—tripod. "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread."

When the Democratic candidate in New York gets crushed under the mighty tread of the great army of Republican voters that is marching to victory, the political vintage of the Empire State will have the pungent odor that is imparted by the balm of a thousand flowers.

We observe that United States District Attorney Cole announces in a somewhat lofty strain, that he is "not in the habit of trying cases in the newspapers." If Mr. Cole will establish the fact that he has ever tried a case either in newspaper or court, we will cheerfully record the circumstance.

Among the people conspicuously placed on the platform of the recent New York Democratic Convention was Rev. Burdard of "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" fame. The Democratic party is welcome to him, and with his new associations, he can roll the three I's on his tongue as much as he wants to.

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EX-CONGRESSMAN BUTTERWORTH says that the returning World's Fair Commissioners are tired. Whereupon the New York Press says: "It would be strange if they weren't tired, in view of the countless banquets they have enjoyed during their stay in hospitable Europe. The present state of the commissioners' digestions must be something frightful. But there is a general impression that they have borne themselves gallantly and unflinchingly at the festive board."

A SAN GABRIEL VALLEY correspondent writes to the editor of THE TIMES in a private letter:

I have a genuine conviction on the subject of the text that "Population in the valleys from Los Angeles to San Bernardino is the crying necessity," and not railroad. The holders of large tracts might perhaps be made to see that selling part of their holdings cheaply might be their best policy. A rise in values will follow rapid settlement, improvement and development; new capital will be brought in, employments will be created, and the valley will become a contributory population. Further: Those who have their interests here should rely on themselves, their land and their climate, and on what that land and that climate will do for the newcomer. Every well-satisfied, progressive newcomer is an advertisement. The truth is, the people of this country should not be in outside capital and a prophetic railroad. Without the population, that way lies the boom and the white monument stakes of endless corner lots.

These ideas are worthy of respectful consideration.

The Express (a canine contemporary by lineal descent,) driven into a corner in its notorious violation of law in publishing lottery advertisements, and having nothing to say for itself on that score, seeks to make a diversion. It goes back several years to dig up some circumstances in the trial of a case for libel against THE TIMES by a notorious thief, blackmailer and scoundrel, into whose polluted arms the Express has again fallen with the facility of any prostitute. The canine contemporary unfortunately neglects to make any allusion to, but on the contrary carefully conceals, the outcome of that trial, which was to legally assess the character of the aforesaid b. & s. at the value of one dollar. No doubt this conclusion was almost as much of a disappointment to the Express as it was to the b. & s. toward whom a fellow-feeling made it wondrous kind. Meanwhile what has the editor of the San Pedro Evening Custom-house to say about his persistent violation of law and outrage of public morals in publishing lottery advertisements?

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**A Legal How-do-do.**  
The Justices of the Supreme Court are in a bad way as regards drawing their salaries. They have received no pay since last June, and there is no prospect of their doing so for an indefinite time in the future. The State Constitution provides that before the justices can draw their salaries they must make an affidavit that no case before them remains undecided which has been submitted more than ninety days. The San Francisco Chronicle says that for a long time the provision was in a measure evaded by a practice which grew up of having the attorneys on both sides consent to having cases "resubmitted" when the statutory period was about to expire. It was also a custom to hand down on the last day of the month an enormous batch of decisions, which were apparently rushed through at the last moment to enable the justices to draw their monthly stipends. As a result, perhaps, of this haste the number of rehearings granted every month was exceedingly large and subjected the court to much criticism. The court as at present constituted has changed the practice in this respect materially. The calendar is very heavy; it now contains over 800 cases, but the number is gradually lessening. Still it will be a long time before the court can entirely catch up with the current business. However, the justices have asked for no resubmissions, and as they are now working on cases submitted in April last they have not received their salaries since the end of June.

The court will meet in Los Angeles October 12, and on account of the absence of Justice McFarland, who is going east on a short vacation, there will be no session of the court in department, but all the business will be transacted before the court in bank.

## A Flat Lie and Three Big Offers.

A curious story came over the wires the other day to the effect that a lawyer named Jackson, living in Fresno, had made a statement that he was acquainted with Miss Ava and her family in England, and subsequently had met them in Pomona in this county. Jackson is represented as giving many details about Miss Ava and her relatives, and claimed that it was her brother who wrote the Murchison letter. A clincher is given to the story by the statement that the dispatch was shown to Miss Ava, and she corroborated it in every detail. The chances are that the "lawyer named Jackson," if such a person exists at all, is a monumental liar. Everybody knows that the writer of the Murchison letter is George Osgoodby of Pomona. The gentleman being interrogated on the subject, says the only sister he ever had died at San Gabriel fourteen years ago. Miss Ava's ready confirmation of Ananias's story simply shows that her other name ought to be Sapphira.

And now that the subject of the Murchison letter is under consideration, THE TIMES, which originally produced it, is able to give the public some new facts of interest concerning it.

A gentleman who recently made a special trip from Chicago for the purpose, submitted to Mr. Osgoodby their problems as follows:

Offers for the original Sackville-West letter to George Osgoodby, writer of the letter known as the Murchison letter in 1888:

First—\$20,000 spot cash.

Second—\$10,000 spot cash and one-fourth the proceeds of exhibition of the letter at Chicago.

Third—\$40,000 for one hundred letters by the writer of the Murchison letter to West, with the latter's original letter displayed on the platform.

Mr. Osgoodby declined all the propositions.

NOVA SCOTIA editors are evidently preparing for a cold winter. The following, from the Halifax Chronicle, will bring tears to the eyes of the most sincere prohibitionists:

The heart of the editor has been made glad by the receipt of a substantial sample of McDougall's rye whiskey. The editor himself is not a connoisseur in this line, but a member of the staff has informed him that the rye is of excellent quality. Manager Gordon evidently understands how to produce a superior article.

It is a strange and peculiar coincidence that in the same issue there appeared an account of a ferocious combat between "a member of the staff" and a nest of black snakes. The snakes unfortunately escaped, but the scribe's nerves were shattered beyond all recognition, and, presumably, he had to empty his boots.

The Irrigation Age, which does not look very kindly upon the accomplishments of the rain-makers, says: "The rain which they claim to have produced has always come in the form of violent electrical storms. The rain which Melbourne had at Cheyenne September 1 would have been very disagreeable to most forms of agriculture. It was a heavy downpour, accompanied by a strong wind and sharp lightning. It would twist the grain into fantastic shapes and desolate ordinary fruit trees." The Age thinks that if the rain-

doctors are breeders of violent storms, tornadoes and hurricanes, their usefulness will be limited to the cyclone insurance companies.

If the East Side was desirous of securing representation on the Park Commission, it is a pity they couldn't pick up a broader minded, more experienced and more suitable candidate than Joseph Mesmer, whose name they presented and who was very properly "knocked under." What Mesmer doesn't know about parks would make a whole botanical garden.

It strikes THE TIMES that the Council, in issuing its edict that householders must provide themselves with garbage receptacles made of galvanized iron, under pain of a \$100 fine for failure, has put a needless hardship upon a large number of poor people, and that the time has come when a more judicious and equitable law should be enacted.

In view of the fact that Miss Vera Ava, who is treated as a social sensation in Chicago and Cincinnati, is a decidedly flat woman and has a short name for one who has achieved such distinction, it is suggested that she call herself hereafter Ava-dupois.

## AMUSEMENTS.

**GRAND OPERA HOUSE.**—In *The Nominée*, which drew a crowded house last night, Mr. Goodwin has an excellent opportunity for the display of his talent for eccentric comedy, and he was successful in keeping the house in a roar of laughter throughout the evening. *The Nominée* is taken from a French farce called *Le Deputé Bombique* by Alexandre Brillon, and was first made familiar to the English stage in an adaptation made by J. M. McCarthy called *The Candidate*, in which Charles Wyndham won many honors. The present version, prepared by Richardson and Yardley, has been made with a view to fitting the story to American politics, with the result of producing a series of impossible happenings, but which are none the less entertaining because of the cleverness of Mr. Goodwin's comic sense, the flexibility of his facial changes and the surprises in his attitudes and gestures.

Mr. Goodwin's character in the play is that of a "man of the world" who, tired of the domestic domination of his mother-in-law, is glad of an excuse to get away to New York for a two weeks' vacation. His anxiety to obtain this surreptitious enjoyment leads him on to a series of embarrassing situations with his wife and her maternal relatives. He escapes from time to time by a series of black and white lies, and the climax is reached when he finds himself returned to Congress on a ticket which is an abomination to him and to his mother-in-law. The real fun part of all this is that Goodwin, "a man of the world," is all the time engaged in deceiving his wife and all the male characters in the piece except the lawyer and the reporter. The kind of business it is all very Frenchy in spite of its American translation and it is a great improvement to the morality of the piece in its American form. If the period who figures as an "adventurer," and who is on the stage but for a few minutes, were to be taken into consideration, his actual presence is not needed and only serves to emphasize the weakest and most dangerous spot in the whole production.

Mr. Goodwin's performance is fairly good on the side of the fair sex, but the men are away below par. The "Secretary" is a poor fellow, and the "Reporter" is a weak, gentlemanly being very evidently out of his line, whatever that may be, and it was a mystery why Goodwin brought him on to the stage. The "Nominée" is a comedy, and the "Secretary" and "Reporter" are characters of the ordinary nature of the piece.

**Tonight.** Goodwin's final appearance in *The Nominée*.

**TOMORROW.** The opening of *The Nominée* in *Levee* at the Grand Opera House, and of *Boys & a Girl* at the Los Angeles Theater are the events to take place.

## EN ROUTE TO THE NILE.

**Our Two Los Angeles County Men on Their Long Journey.**

WASHINGTON HOTEL, LIVERPOOL, Sept. 7, 1891.—[Special Correspondence of THE TIMES.] We left Los Angeles at 1:35 p.m. August 20, and here we are, having crossed the little babbling brook which separates New York and Liverpool. We expect to sail for the Nile tomorrow.

We had a nice voyage across the Atlantic, though the ship tossed like wild in a gale off the banks of Newfoundland. I ventured out of my cabin, and when I got below, it was just in time to learn that William Taylor of Philadelphia, while under the influence of liquor, had cut his throat, and there the poor fellow lay, with the blood streaming from a gaping wound, and the awful gurgling death rattle in his throat. He lingered only a short time, when he died and was buried at sea; which means that the poor fellow was in a coffin, the English flag, wrapped around him and his body thrown overboard. He left a wife and four children.

That same afternoon an old "salt" said to me: "See, we don't have so much rough weather after this burial. We always do. That night I had to give in to the old sailor, for it was rough, and he had his laugh at me."

Liverpool is a queer place in comparison with our city, and I will write you more about it when I reach Alexandria. Even the signs on the business houses look so odd. I read one out of my window which says: "Bridge-water Undertaking." Another says: "Singers." Another: "Fine Old Kentucky Whiskey." CLAUDE PAYSE.

## FLASHES FROM THE WIRE.

The Charleston has arrived at Yokohama. W. B. Davis was hanged at Canyon City, Colo., yesterday.

French officials have been massacred in Portuguese Guinea.

England has officially recognized the government of Chile.

The Jordan-Beasley feud in Kentucky has been settled for the time being.

John B. Bowman, for many regent of the Kentucky University is dead.

The trial of McDougall for manslaughter, July 6, commenced yesterday.

Twenty horses, not in corn, and that were burned on the West Side in Chicago.

The Yermen insurgents are causing the Turkish government much anxiety.

A tornado has done damage in Duell county, South Dakota, passing into Minnesota.

Cashier Lovely of Pennsylvania has resigned. Domestic circumstances are given as the cause.

E. Dwyer Grey was elected a director of the Freeman's Journal, whereupon the directors resigned.

Joseph F. Smith has returned to Salt Lake from his long exile, having been pardoned by the President.

Wabash railway officials have been indicted by a Federal grand jury for a violation of the interstate commerce law.

The San Francisco grand jury has asked that Richard C. Bledsoe be cited for contempt of court for refusing to testify.

At the Odi Fellows grand lodge in St. Louis the question of reducing the limit of eligibility from 21 to 18 years was discussed.

## A GREAT GRAIN FAILURE.

One of the Biggest New York Firms Goes Under.

The Assignment Due to the Failure of a Corn Corner.

The Impending Disaster Foreseen for Some Time Past.

Effect in Chicago—The Firm Will Probably Resume Business—S. V. White Has a Large Private Fortune.

By Telegram to THE TIMES.

New York, Sept. 22.—[By the Associated Press.] S. V. White & Co. have just sent an announcement of their assignment to the Stock Exchange. Their assignment is due to a corner in corn, and their interest in the bond market is very limited. White says the failure is due to long speculation in corn and not in stocks. Liabilities of the firm are very large, but only a few hundred shares of stock are outstanding on contract. No estimate can be given. The climax of the catastrophe has been approaching a culmination for the last two weeks, news of which has been carefully guarded, leaked out yesterday afternoon after closing the Stock Exchange. Assignment of assets of the embarrassed firm was then said to have been made, but not recorded. It was only after thoughtful consideration and after the board of directors had decided that it was decided to make the assignment for the benefit of creditors. There are no contracts outstanding on Stock Exchange, and no excitement was caused there by the announcement. All members of the firm are in the office when the announcement of suspension was made.

E. C. Steadman makes the following explanation: "The cause of the failure was wholly due to the decline in corn. The house had been in the long September and October corn and immense receipts were too much for it to stand."

The private fortune of S. V. White, estimated at \$2,000,000. A number of firms who were borrowing stock from White & Co. received notice from the firm before opening business today to sell shares, and the market was thrown into a panic. The failure caused but little excitement on the exchange, for the reason that but few members were interested in the deal. It is stated it will affect Chicago principally. The price of corn dropped 15 cents per bushel. The impression on the board seems to be the effect of the failure has spent its force unless further complications now foreseen, follow. Manager Allen says the Chicago branch of the firm was not affected by the failure, and the firm could not be secured by the board. It was impossible to make any sort of statement in regard to the firm's affairs.

The office of the firm, after the announcement of suspension, was crowded with customers to the point where the firm was trying to get some information in regard to the failure. The firm had no formal statement to make. It was noted that for some time it had been preparing for the disaster, which was the result of the decline in corn. The firm had been in the corn business for some time, and the price of corn had been declining for some time. The firm had been in the corn business for some time, and the price of corn had been declining for some time. The firm had been in the corn business for some time, and the price of corn had been declining for some time.

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